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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON ROBIN DREDGING COMPANY

1. ROBIN DREDGING COMPANY (RABINA HOUSE, SINGAPORE) HAS BID ON LARGEDREDGING CONTRACT FOR DUBAI CREEK. VALUE OF THIS 2-3 YEAR PROJECT ESTIMATED ABOUT 38 MILLION STERLING.

2. PROJECT CONSULTANT HAS INQUIRED ABOUT COMPANY AND OUR INVESTIGATIONS REVEALED FOLLOWING:

A) ROBIN DREDGING COMPANY PART OF HOLDING COMPANY, PRINCIPAL PARTNER OF WHICH IS ROBIN LOH, SINGAPORE CITIZEN. ROBIN DREDGING CONNECTED TO "PACIFIC ASSOCIATES" A COMPANY INCORPORATED IN HONG KONG, WHICH APPARENTLY IS MOTHER COMPANY FOR NUMBER OF "ROBIN" SUBSIDIARIES.

B) ANOTHER OF LOH'S COMPANIES IS ROBRAY OFFSHORE DRILLING COMPANY, WHICH OPERATES DRILLING RIG FOR DUBAI PETROLEUM COMPANY. ROBRAY PRESIDENT IS U.S. CITIZEN WHO IS ALSO PARTNER IN LOH'S HOLDING COMPANY.

3. REQUEST HONG KONG AND SINGAPORE DISCREETLY INQUIRE ABOUT NATURE OF OWNERSHIP AND EXTENT OF U.S. PARTICIPATION IN PACIFIC CORP. AND ROBIN DREDGING. WE BELIEVE COMPANY HAS GOOD
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CHANCE WIN THIS LARGE CONTRACT AND POSSIBLE U.S. INTERESTS IN

COMPANY MAY JUSTIFY EMBASSY INTERVENTION ON ITS BEHALF.
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